Leakage of CAT papers

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the leakage of question paper for common admission test for Indian Institute of Management held on 23rd November, 2003, and the consequent cancellation of the examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any C.B.I. enquiry has been instituted;

(d) if so, what are the terms of reference;

(e) by when the cancelled examination would be conducted;

(f) whether it is also a fact that the question paper of entrance exam of pre-medical of CBSE and bank's probationary officers exams are also leaked; and

(g) what measures are proposed to be taken to ensure that such incidences do not recur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) CBI has busted a racket of leakage of question papers. It was observed that S/Shri Arun Kumar, Kumar Suman Singh, Manoj Kumar and Hari Shankar Chaudhary in conspiracy among themselves and other unknown persons procured CAT question paper by theft or criminal breach of trust. A regular case has been registered by CBI.

(e) IIMs have decided to hold the re-test on 15th February, 2004.

(f) CBSE has informed that there has been no leakage of question paper of Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Examination of CBSE. In September, 2003 a writ petition was filed in the Delhi High Court regarding leakage of paper for written examination for the post of Probationary officer in Indian Bank. Indian Bank and Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) have reported that all the records were found intact and have refuted the allegation. Indian Bank has already filed a counter affidavit in the Hon'ble High Court and the matter is *subjudice*.

(g) The Ministry has set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri V.K. Shunglu, Ex-C&AG to look into the matter and suggest remedial recourses.

Permanent Station in Antarctica

1177. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India plans to set up permanent station in Antarctica;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the studies proposed to be made in country's interest like under sea mining and unraveling monsoon mystery?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In addition to the existing permanent station in Antarctica 'Maitri', an exploratory survey is proposed to be undertaken during the forthcoming XXIII Indian Antarctic Expedition, to locate a suitable site for setting up another Scientific Station at Antarctica.

(c) No study is proposed to be carried out presently for under sea mining at Antarctica.

The Indian South-West monsoon is known to be influenced by several antecedent and concurrent land-ocean-atmosphere factors across the globe. Knowledge of such global parameters is the basis of monsoon prediction. Meteorological programme over Antarctica is specifically aimed to prepare a data base of meteorological parameters over